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QUEEN OF GOLD AND GREEN BALL AND LADIES IN WAITING



Problem—Who is Queen? Who, Ladies in Waiting?

Left to right: Adele Nielsen, Vallejo; Marie Burdette, Oakland; Ann Appeberry, Elmhurst; Hazel Leighter, Berkeley; Margaret Tidwell, Richmond; Beth Checketts, Hayward; Lucile Crandall, Alameda; Naomi Kest, Dimond

THE ORIGIN OF THE INDIANS—A POPULAR FALLACY?

By M. Wells Jakeman

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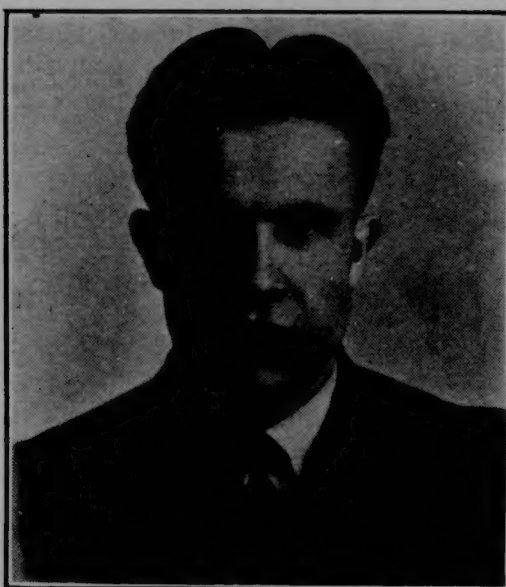
In a recent volume of the scientific journal, *American Anthropologist*, appeared an article entitled "Popular Fallacies Respecting the Indians." In it, the author, Henry W. Henshaw, briefly sums up the present attitudes of American anthropologists toward one of these "popular fallacies" in the following words:

"In the Indians were recognized the descendants of the 'lost tribes of Israel.' The latest and most earnest supporters of the Hebrew origin are the Mormons, whose statements are alleged to have the authority of direct revelation. (Of course the theory is absurd . . . in the light of present knowledge)."

Are we to accept this pronouncement as the really serious conclusion of scientists? I think not. In fact, it is highly doubtful whether there is a single Americanist today who is competent even to express any judgment at all in this highly controversial matter. Though Mr. Henshaw and others may lay claim to an authoritative knowledge of the subject-matter of American anthropology, it is highly improbable that any

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OAKLAND STAKE SENDS ANOTHER MISSIONARY



Le Roy Weindorff

A Farewell Party was held in the Dimond Chapel February 26 in honor of Elder Le-Roy Weindorff who has been called to serve as a missionary in the German-Austrian Mission. The Stake was well represented by the number of people who attended the splendid program and enjoyed the dancing afterwards.

Elder Weindorff entered the Mission Home, for his brief training prior to departure for his field of labor, March 1. En route to New York he stopped in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to visit with his sister, June Weindorff, who is a missionary in that vicinity.

He sailed on March 24 from New York.

GOLD AND GREEN BALL SEASON'S SOCIAL CLIMAX

Rivalry is keen among the supporters of the eight candidates for the honor of being crowned Queen of the annual Gold and Green Ball which takes place Friday evening, April 16th, in the ballroom of the Scottish Rite Auditorium. The candidates, each representing a ward, were chosen by their respective wards in competition with other girls, and now in the final contest face one another for the supreme honor. Everyone attending the ball will be entitled to vote up to 10 o'clock. The successful candidate will be crowned in an elaborate coronation ceremony at 10:30, attended by the other seven contestants as her ladies-in-waiting. Following the coronation ceremonies picked couples will give a demonstration of the new Gold and Green Waltz.

As it has throughout the Church, the Gold and Green Ball has become established in Oakland Stake as the climax of the social season, to which all other social events point. Prior to the division of the old San Francisco Stake it was held in alternate years on each side of the bay, and each time in the finest ballroom available. M. I. A. functions have such a reputation that it has never been difficult to procure the best of accommodations. Since the creation of Oakland Stake, the ball has been held in the beautiful ballroom of the Scottish Rite Auditorium on the shores of Lake Merritt. This ballroom is probably the most commodious, and in the opinion of many the most beautiful, in the entire bay area. The management is decorating it in the M. I. A. colors for the occasion without extra expense. The finest dance music has been engaged, and there will be dancing from 8:30 until 12, broken only by the coronation of the Queen and the demonstration of the new Gold and Green Waltz.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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It was an interesting age, a turbulent age, in which the restored Church came once more to earth. The thirteen original colonies who had won their independence such a short time before, were spilling over the crest of the Appalachian Mountains,—in fact, had spilled over so rapidly and extensively that the east was losing a goodly portion of its prestige. To the surprise and consternation of the blue-stockings, the westerners became aware of their own power at the ballot box and in a peaceful revolution put Andrew Jackson, "Old Hickory," in the White House. Abraham Lincoln, an unknown young man, was studying to improve himself by the light of the tallow dip and pine knot.

The Indians were being driven further and further to the west; in place of Indian massacres, the question of slavery was rapidly assuming ugly proportions. It was still very much a pioneer type of life all over the country, but more so in the west. And pioneer conditions bred individualism and independence. Hard liquor was a staple commodity—in fact in places where money was scarce, it was used as a medium of exchange. And with it all, the people were religious—a lusty type of religion, usually of the "hell-fire and brimstone" variety. Religious revivals of unbelievable length and fervor were frequent occurrences, serving as outlets for both religious and social life.

Charles A. Beard thus describes the time:

"Intimately affiliated with effervescing democracy—particularly on the frontier—were the new sects and ebullient revival meetings that so distinguished the time. Of course the rise of visionaries and fiery apostles was not a strange phenomenon.

But when once the dominion of the hierarchy and clergy was badly shattered, as in America, and everyone, high and low, was permitted to express his religious sentiments and emotions, to declare and exhort, a bewildering variety of dreams and professions was as natural as the unquenchable enthusiasms of a prosperous population.

"It was inevitable therefore that the appearance of sects and schisms should be a matter of annual occurrence. In this fermenting era Mormonism also rose and prospered like the green bay tree."

Rose and prospered—*still risen and still prospering*—Mormonism—of all those numerous "sects and schisms"! From its humble beginning with six young men as its members, all under 35 and its leader only 25, verily it has indeed spread like the green bay tree. Its messengers have circled the globe many times; few are the nations to whom its doctrines have not been expounded.

In its native land, this peculiar cult whose members were virtually driven across the continent, has spread and still spreads; its stakes are planted on the shores of both oceans and in the isles of the sea; its branches and members are found in practically all towns and cities of 10,000 or over. And it is still growing. During the first hundred years its efforts were toward gathering the Saints unto Zion. Today the emphasis is on spreading instead of gathering for it now has the strength to spread. But the fundamental principles are the same, and it is with a feeling of deep reverence for those principles and their Author that Latter Day Saints once more contemplate the anniversary of the Church's founding in modern times.

RELIEF SOCIETY

The date set for the general Relief Society Conference in Salt Lake City is April 2 and 3, the first meeting being for Stake and Mission presidents, followed by departmental meetings during the first day. General sessions will be held on the second day. A special feature will be an illustrated lecture on Abraham Lincoln by Dr. George W. Middleton.

Mrs. Sarah E. Banning will represent the stake at conference this year. Along with the regular conference sessions, she will attend the Mission and Stake Presidents' Breakfast given on April 3, at 7:30 a. m., in the Lion House; also the reception given the Mission and Stake officers on the evening of April 3, in the ballroom of the Hotel Utah.

It is very gratifying to know that our Exhibit and Blossom Festival held on our birthday, March 17, was a great success. Between four and five hundred persons visited us during the day and evening. The articles exhibited told a story of busy fingers and of happy hours together at ward work meetings. The lovely blossoms helped to make the scene more beautiful. Musical numbers and readings, and the mingling of friends during the day, and the program in the evening, with George D. Casto as speaker of the evening, completed a very happy and successful anniversary. The stake board expresses thanks and appreciation for the splendid cooperation of all who helped to make the day a success.

Ruth R. Shurtleff

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of those anthropologists who hold such an opinion has more than an elementary acquaintance with the source upon which this so-called fallacy of the "Mormons" is based, namely the collection of Nephite Records called the Book of Mormon.

Indeed, as a matter of strict scientific logic scientists must admit at least the *basic possibility* (if nothing more) of the authenticity of this source of the "Mormon" contention. This necessarily accrues from the fact that science, supposedly not yet in possession of the essential positive or negative evidence, is not yet in a position to deny the existence of a Supreme Being, or to deny that this Supreme Being is concerned with the affairs of this world, or to deny that He is able to bring forth by revelation such a work as the Book of Mormon which would admittedly advance His plan for this world.

Despite prevailing opinion as to the "Mormon fallacy," then, science is in reality not able at the present time to deny the authenticity of the source from which it is derived, first because *both* sides of the controversy have not been sufficiently investigated and second because of the absence of data disproving the basic possibility of the origin ascribed to the Book of Mormon.

Nevertheless, a clear-cut challenge is presented us. Either our sacred Records must correspond perfectly with the ancient history of America as ascertained from other sources, or they must utterly conflict. And since Americanists have in the past been unscientific enough to ignore the claims of the Book as comprising contemporary records of ancient America, it is the opinion of this writer that it is therefore our special obligation to undertake the demonstration of this correspondence, if it really exists, and to bring it to the attention of Americanists and through them to the world.

It is generally agreed that the foundation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, insofar as the world is concerned, rests on the authenticity of the Book of Mormon, and that this Church and its doctrines will stand or fall ultimately on the solution of this question. It is true that if the Book were entirely a scripture of religious reference, the answer to this basic problem would depend on the particular spiritual responsiveness, faith or belief alone of the individual investigator. But such is not the case, since the Book of Mormon contains a large mass of historical and anthropological data assertedly recovered from ancient records by the direct revelation of Deity. And since this material, in view of its form and significance, could have been only so recovered (if true), and since it is admittedly independent in origin from all other evidences which may be accepted for purposes of comparison, the Book presents a *material, concrete, objective means of testing by purely scientific comparative methods the claims of the Church based upon it*. The importance of this startling fact can be hardly over-emphasized. No such remarkable opportunity for establishing the historical or scientific certainty of religious truths occurs anywhere else in the world. Here we have the unique case, among all religious organizations, of the possibility of determining the authenticity or authoritative of the doctrinal claims of a church by historical or scientific tests.

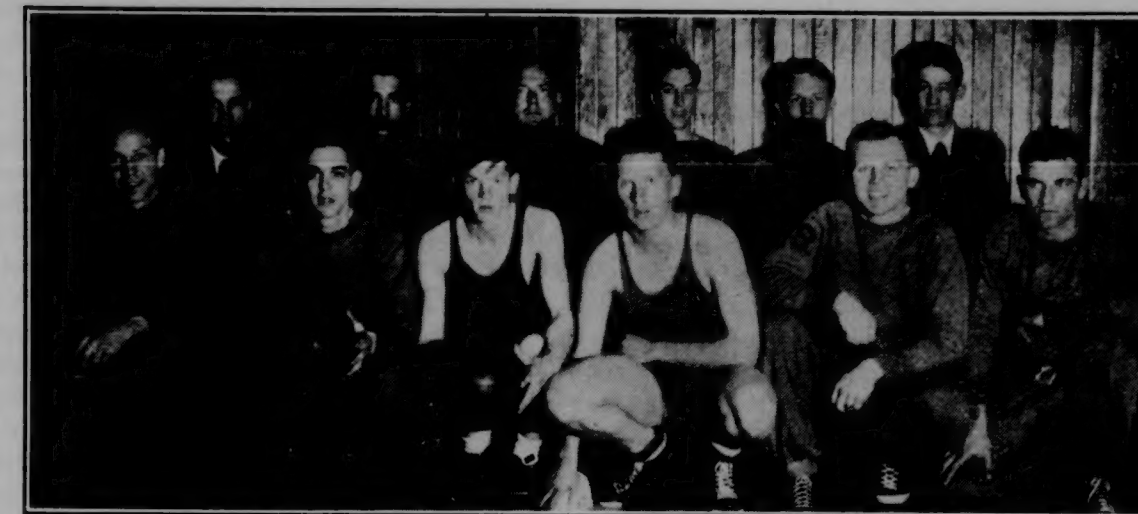
The scientific method to be employed in this all-important enquiry will be that of historical science. As seen above, the necessary admission of the *basic possibility* of the authenticity of the Book of Mormon, in view of its claimed origin, is the premise from which the investigation may securely proceed. In view of the actual abundance of the data—contrary to a common supposition—the investigation should be capable of converting this basic possibility of authenticity into either a completely affirmative or a completely negative decision. The procedure will involve briefly:

1. Authentication from external or bibliographical data; or, if this is inconclusive or disputed,
2. Authentication from internal evidence; or, if this is inconclusive or disputed,
3. Authentication from place of custody or deposition and discovery; or, if this is inconclusive or disputed,
4. Authentication from external criticism (philological evidence); or, if this inconclusive or disputed,
5. Authentication from internal criticism (internal consistency and trustworthiness); or finally, if this is inconclusive or disputed,
6. Authentication from comparative historical criticism (determination of historical facts by comparisons with external evidences such as archaeological, historical and anthropological).

As a matter of fact, the evidences for any one of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are not inconclusive, but are strongly favorable. However, they are widely and bitterly disputed, and for this reason, and for the sake of demonstrating our approach, we may pass by these potential methods of authentication to No. 6.

This final method is generally accepted as the most conclusive medium for ascertaining authenticity and for reaching historical or scientific certainty. It lies in the collation and comparison of two or more *independent and arbitrary* (i. e., unanticipated) evidences relating to the same fact. The value of a correspondence or mutual confirmation disclosed by such a comparison will therefore rest on the established mathematical and psychological laws of chance governing the accidental duplication of independent arbitrary elements. The general opinion of scientists is that if as many as five or six or more independent evidences correspond in arbitrary features, scientific proof is established. It is practically impossible that such a number of *accidental* repetitions of this nature should occur in a particular case, when we take into consideration the unlimited range of possibilities in natural or human history. The unlikelihood is even greater of an accidental concurrence of parallel arbitrary elements in *exactly the same sequential arrangement*. In the case of such a correspondence, the resultant possibility of accidental concurrence will decrease as the number, arbitrariness and separate reliabilities of the corresponding evidences increase, and the evidential value of the mutual confirmation will rise correspondingly. In historical science the actual mathematical formula will produce a numerical evaluation of such a confirmation, the exactness of which will depend on the precision of the numerical evaluations of the separate evidences involved in

Dimond Ward Basket Ball Team, District Champions



Left to right: Back row, Coach Roy Weindorf, Ray Rotondo, Don Webster, Gene Johnson, Max Evans, Joe Walker; Front row, John Morgan, Capt. Ted Harrer, Al Dunster, Leo Nelson, Dennis Lauper and Al Mudge.

the confirmation. This confirmatory value may be reached mathematically by multiplying the evaluations of the reliabilities and arbitrarinesses of all the separate evidences involved.

Lack of space prevents a detailed illustration here of this method of scientific authentication from the Records themselves. There are in these sources numerous instances of apparent independent correspondences which may be tested, closely evaluated and scientifically established by this process. In the Book of Ether, for example, a series of at least ten major and many more minor correspondences have been ascertained between the ancient Jaredites on the one hand and the earliest Archaic race and civilization on the other, whose remains have been uncovered by archaeological excavations from the Isthmus of Tehuantepec to western New York. These concurrences have been disclosed in basic somatic or radical identities, in arbitrary cultural identities, in linguistic identities, in precise identities of historical events, in identities of chronological limits and sequences, and in identities of geographical movements and distributions. By applying the above principle in historical science for determining the "probability ratios" of confirmations, such a series of independent and arbitrary concurrences will produce evaluations of historicity and authenticity well within the limits required for proof in the exact sciences.

In view of such possibilities involved in the *seriously scientific* investigation of the Nephite Records in accordance with the scientific method of approach which has been outlined, are we to unconcernedly accede to the assumption held by Mr. Henshaw and some other anthropologists of the fallacy of the "Mormon" explanation? Is the "Mormon" explanation, as thus claimed, an "illogical argument" incapable of scientific definition or proof? Rather it would appear that this anthropological contention itself is the popular fallacy, against which all corrective efforts should be directed.

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THE LIAHONA TO BE RENDERED MAY 14

The beautiful cantata, The Liahona, by W. King Driggs, will be presented once more by the Claremont Choral Society under the direction of Professor Reeder at the Oakland Municipal Auditorium Theater on May 14th. The choral society has been augmented by many members of various ward choirs and by the Mormon Male Chorus.

The cantata is perhaps the very finest of the creative works of Professor Driggs. Based on the Book of Mormon story of the exodus of the Nephites from Jerusalem and their journey to the Promised Land, it tells the story in song and orchestration in a manner as distinctive in treatment as it is beautiful in melody. Critics have been vehement in their praise of the score. It is a tribute to its musical worth that Professor Reeder and the members of his chorus have been not only willing but anxious to be connected with its production for a second time.

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WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE FOR APRIL, 1937

The Spirit of Reverence

One of the outstanding needs of the world today is reverence. In a large measure the fine gift of reverence which characterized former generations has been lost. The attitude of many people toward sacred things is deplorable.

Unless we are on guard and aware of the danger, Latter-day Saints are apt to follow the world and adopt a worldly attitude toward things, which in the past, we have held sacred. There is danger in such an attitude.

Through the light we have received and our knowledge of spiritual things, our attitude toward them should never be in question. Reverence for Deity and all things spiritual, including leaders of the Church—our spiritual leaders—houses of worship, the teachings of the Church and the laws of God, is fundamental to the Gospel itself. Sacred things should never be made light of.

"God is not mocked" the Scriptures say. We who understand the Gospel and its obligations to rever sacred and holy things, will surely be held accountable for our action.

Parents should be encouraged to teach their children reverence by both precept and example—example undoubtedly being the more effective method. Leaders and teachers in Priesthood and auxiliary organizations should have the development of a spirit of reverence as one of the definite and important objectives of these organizations. Noticeable improvement should be made in the attitudes of some of our young people—and older ones too—toward houses of worship and sacred ordinances.

The true spirit of reverence for things sacred will mark our Church and its members as true Christians in a world where millions of people are fast departing from the teachings of the Savior and losing reverence for holy and spiritual things. Both our obligation and our opportunity to serve the best interests of the work of the Lord on the earth call upon us to develop in ourselves and to help others in every reasonable and practical way to develop the true spirit of reverence.

THE BOOK OF MORMON IN RUSSIAN

The March issue of the Millennial Star carries a most interesting story of the translation into the Russian tongue of the Book of Mormon by Elder Andre K. Anastasian, a native of Russia who has made his home in England since 1914 and who is at present President of the London District of the British Mission.

Elder Anastasian bade farewell to his native land and his mother in May, 1914. He was going abroad, but he knew not where. At the outbreak of the war he was swinging a miner's pick in Belgium. He made his way from those coal mines over battlefields to Brussels, thence through the military lines to Ostend where he took passage to England.

Arriving in England he purchased a grammar and began night school to learn English. Within three years he heard the Gospel and six months later he was baptized.

In 1925 when Dr. Talmage was president of the European Mission, he commissioned Elder Anastasian to translate the Book of Mormon into his native tongue. He began

immediately, but was able to devote only his spare time to it. There are 522 printed pages in the English edition from which he worked. This all had to be translated and written into Russian long hand. The completed first draft took five years and 2400 pages compactly written. The translator is now engaged in checking the manuscript and typing it for the printers. He bears witness to Divine assistance being given him from time to time in much the same manner as it was given to the Prophet, who has told us how, during his work a burning within his heart dispelled every doubt when passages were correct, but how the feeling of uneasiness always accompanied a slight error on his part and would not leave until the error was corrected.

Russia is one of the few countries of the world which has not yet had the restored Gospel taken to its shores. Recently there has been considerable change of attitude and it would appear that the way is opening up. Although there is no immediate or early prospect, when it does come, the inhabitants of the Russias will be able to read the record of the Nephites in their native tongue, thanks to the untiring efforts of one of their native sons.

TEMPLE LOT IN LOS ANGELES SCENE OF EASTER SERVICES

The first religious service to be held on the Temple lot at Los Angeles was held on Easter Sunday. The five stakes in southern California united with the members of the California mission for a beautiful sunrise service.

The Temple lot is a 24-acre tract in Westwood on Santa Monica Boulevard, easily accessible to both street cars and automobiles.

THE CHURCH SECURITY PROGRAM GOES FORWARD IN OAKLAND STAKE

During the last month the Bishops of the Stake have held three meetings devoted exclusively to the problem of providing security for those out of employment who are able, ready, and willing to work, but who have not as yet been able to procure regular employment. Fortunately there are comparatively few such in our Stake.

It is the function of the Personal Welfare Committees of the Priesthood groups to inform themselves of the general welfare of all of their members, and when any are out of employment, to report it to the group leader who, as a member of the Ward Employment Committee, advises this committee, consisting of the Bishop, the Ward Employment Director, the President of the Relief Society, and the Group Leaders of the High Priests', Seventies', and Elders' Groups. Everything is then done that can be done to help the member procure regular employment; but until he does get employment, he is given work on a Church Project, where he receives a work receipt, entitling him to draw upon the storehouse according to his needs.

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modities in the Stake Storehouse, the Bishops have taken steps to have in it not less than five hundred dollars in cash, so that obligations incurred in giving employment will not be contracted without money on hand to meet them. Ordinarily this fund would be supplied from the fast offerings of the Stake, but in view of the fact that they are not sufficient as yet, the tithes of the Church are being requisitioned to start with. That there may be plenty in the storehouse all are urged to pay their fast offerings regularly and generously.

The storehouse, by order of the Bishops, who are the directors and administrators thereof, will on April 1 be moved from 3777 Webster Street, Oakland, to the Berkeley Chapel. It will be a modern storehouse administered on modern lines of business efficiency. Bishop Erickson is emphatic that no junk may be brought into it. The people giving other than money, therefore, should not give something they would not be glad to receive themselves.

In the Bishops' meetings referred to, no time has been given to the charity problems of the Stake. They are being well cared for through the Relief Society, which is experienced in such problems.

PRESIDENT MACDONALD MOVES TO STOCKTON

A move foreshadowed for many months, but nonetheless regretted by their many friends here, President and Mrs. MacDonald sold their Oakland home since our last issue and have moved to Stockton to be nearer to his work. When President MacDonald was transferred to Stockton some months ago it was hoped it would be but temporarily. He has commuted each week between Stockton and Oakland so as to spend his week ends at home and take care of his church activities. He will continue the commuting but will have a fair companion from now on at both ends of the journey.

A CORRECTION

The first Relief Society president of the Oakland Stake was Mrs. Ellen Osborne, with Mrs. Clara Osborne as first counsellor, Mrs. E. J. Hunt as second counsellor. Mrs. Hulda Cardwell acted as secretary at that time and for several years later. At the next reorganization Mrs. E. J. Hunt was sustained as president and Mrs. W. B. Hunt as first counsellor and Mrs. Annie Phillips as second counsellor. Then a change was made which made Mrs. Hunt president again but Mrs. Phillips was first counsellor and Mrs. W. B. Hunt second counsellor. The next set-up was Mrs. W. B. Hunt, president, Mrs. Annie Phillips and Mrs. Bessie C. Hughes as first and second counsellors. Mrs. Hulda Cardwell was still acting as secretary. At this time Mrs. Phillips resigned and Mrs. Bessie Hughes was first counsellor and Mrs. Hickenlooper was second counsellor. Mrs. Hickenlooper later moved away and by this time Mrs. Phillips, who resigned because of having moved away, had returned and was placed as first counsellor and Mrs. Bessie Hughes then became second counsellor. Mrs. Hughes resigned and Mrs. Martha McKaig was sustained as second counsellor. Mrs. Phillips moved away again and Mrs. McKaig became first counsellor, and Mrs. Elizabeth Peterson was selected as second counsellor. About this time Louise White was acting as secre-

tary and when she later moved away Clara Acomb took over the responsibility. Mrs. McKaig moved to Dimond and Mrs. Elizabeth Peterson then acted as first counsellor and Mrs. Josephine Davies was second counsellor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

How about having a visiting day in son's or daughter's Sunday school class? We go into the day school once or twice a year to see our children in action. But his Sunday school class—well that doesn't concern us. We figure that he is in good hands and that our obligation ends with seeing him clean and into his Sunday suit.

Several months ago the Parents' Magazine published an article by a father who commented on his responsibility regarding his son's advancement in his day school. In response to a note saying that Jimmy was failing in spelling, the father replied, "What do you expect me to do about it? It is not my problem. It is his teacher's job to teach him to spell. That is what she is paid for."

We may agree or disagree with this parent, but can we afford to take this attitude about our children's religious training? Any child is pleased to have daddy or mother visit his class, meet his teacher and see what it is all about. And what a help it would be to the teacher to know that the parents were close to her in her important task of directing the ideals and faith of their son or daughter. Lenore C. Wood

WARD NEWS

ALAMEDA

Mr. and Mrs. Durham have returned from New Orleans where they spent a two-weeks vacation.

A large crowd attended the fifth annual Ward Reunion held March 9th. Dinner was served to more than 200 after which a one-act play, "Make Hay While the Sun Shines," was enjoyed by all. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

We are glad to announce that the Alameda Ward has purchased the property on Grand Street. We hope to erect a new chapel within the next year.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. James G. Millward and Mrs. Vicks to our ward.

James G. Millward has been sustained as second counselor in the Sunday School.

Mrs. Marie Johnson is visiting with her parents in Salt Lake City, Utah.

VALLEJO

Vallejo Ward is very pleased to have as new members Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lowery of Pocatello, Idaho and Mr. and Mrs. Thulin and family from Richmond Ward.

On Tuesday, March 2, Vallejo Primary gave their opening party with sixty members and guests present. An interesting program was given after which refreshments were served. Georgia Coleman, President, has chosen as her counselors Elsie Taylor and Zora Shurtleff.

We regret very much that we have lost some of our faithful workers. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kingsford and daughter Norma have moved to the Elmhurst Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. Clem. Thon and family have returned to Ogden, Utah, to make their home. Mr. Kingsford for several years has been the Sunday School Superintendent and Thelma Thon was the secretary of the newly organized Primary.

MARTINEZ

President and Mrs. MacDonald were visitors at the sacrament services in this ward March 14th. The program of the meeting was rendered by the Pittsburg branch.

Mrs. Bradbury was set apart as the primary class teacher in Sunday School, March 21st.

Mr. Kirby of Pittsburg is conducting a Book of Mormon club in Pittsburg. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Elsie Nix has returned from a month's visit at Mesa, Arizona, where she was engaged in Temple work.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Larson were visitors in Roseville last Sunday.

A birthday party was held in honor of Glen Robison at his home on March 21st.

OAKLAND

Fern Barney entertained at a stork shower in honor of Mrs. Mamie McClane on March 4.

Miss Claire Brown is vacationing at Truckee, California.

The Discussion Class met at the homes of Katherine Norberg and Mary Randall during the past month.

The Primary officers and teachers held their monthly board meeting and social at the home of Shu de Li Taylor on March 24.

The Gleaner Girls entertained at a kitchen shower in honor of Lucy Johnson at the home of Minnie Gain on Friday the 12th. Ida Nielsen also entertained in honor of the bride on March 5.

The Gleaner Girls are in charge of the April conjoint meeting. An interesting program is under way.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Chase and family are visiting in Long Beach where they were called because of the death of Mrs. Chase's mother.

Ruth Wilson and Mary Jones entertained in honor of Melba Shields Venturi.

We are happy to welcome Ruth Bergman Reed back in the ward.

Our ward choir under the direction of Vern Chapman presented the Easter Cantata "Victory" on Easter night.

RICHMOND

The Richmond M. I. A. announces a "Hardtime" party to be held on the evening of April 6 beginning at 8 p. m. There will be prizes galore, a good orchestra, and fun for everyone. Admission is 35c for adults and 10c for children.

Mrs. Wallace C. Anderson was called to Ogden recently by the death of her mother.

Alvin Hopkins has returned to the ward after an absence of about two years. He hopes soon to bring his family back from Missouri to be with us again.

The Richmond Relief society wishes to thank everyone who cooperated to make a great success of the luncheon served at the Stake Relief Society Exhibit on March 17 in the Oakland Chapel.

ATTENTION ALL SEVENTIES

Saturday afternoon, April 10, will be a big "get together" and "outing" at Sequoia Park. Meet at the bottom of the canyon below the zoo where games and sports will be enjoyed. In the evening will be a bonfire and weenie roast so don't forget to bring your weenies along.

DIMOND

The Scout Committee and Troop 72 are to be congratulated on the very fine carnival they gave the evening of March 19. No commercial carnival was ever more realistic; every booth was well decorated; they had movies, live ducks, various games, besides Bingo, sideshows, etc. They had everything any carnival could boast, from hot-dogs and pink lemonade to sawdust and nigger babies. They gave several valuable door prizes, and cleared more than \$40.

The last monthly business meeting and social of the Primary officers and teachers was held at the home of Sarah Summerhays. Following the business and refreshments, the afternoon was spent making flowers for the May Festival. The other hostesses of the day were Edna Torgenson and Hazel Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Miller of Long Beach were guests of Elmer and Rose Clarke over the weekend.

Dimond Ward has recently organized a choir under the very able leadership of Clyde Summerhays. Parley Fish is President.

Caroline Weindorf spent a week in Salt Lake City with her son, Roy, prior to his departure for a foreign mission.

For the purpose of studying the history of the Church a class has been organized which meets every Sunday evening, following Sacrament meeting at the Cherrington home. Ben Young is the reader.

The Beehive girls are making marked progress in their work this year under the able guidance of their class leaders, Alice Lauper and Artense Cherrington.

The many friends of Margaret Gordon were happy to have her a recent visitor in Dimond.

When Roy Weindorf left for his mission he had the privilege of stopping in Minneapolis for a couple of days to visit with his sister, June, who is on a mission in that locality.

Mrs. Ruth R. Shurtleff announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Curtis Ray Bybee of San Francisco. The marriage will take place in early summer, and the couple will make their home in Dimond.

BERKELEY

Fathers and sons of the Aaronic Priesthood held a social on March 19 in the Berkeley Recreation Hall. Hot-dogs and root beer were served. On the same evening the M. I. A. officers and teachers held a get-together in the Lounge.

The M. I. A. play, "So This Is London," was presented to a large crowd earlier in the month. It was again presented on April 2 under the auspices of the Stake.

The young men entertained the young ladies Tuesday evening with a travelogue picture show followed by refreshments.

Mrs. George Hughes and son Clark have returned from a motor trip to Zion Canyon, Utah, where they witnessed the Easter Pageant that had its setting there.

Mrs. Ellene Seeborg, daughter of Mrs. Clara Gleason, has moved to Los Angeles for an indefinite stay.

The Deseret Club held a swimming party at the Women's City Club, March 20.

The largest attendance since the dedication of the Berkeley Chapel, enjoyed the services Easter Sunday. Over five hundred attended the morning session.

Miss Rosemary Parsons entertained at an Easter Breakfast Sunday morning.

VITAL STATISTICS

ORDINATIONS

Alfred Fontano, priest; Alameda
Wilbur Partington, teacher; Elmhurst
John Henry Marsh, teacher; Elmhurst
Ray Knowles, deacon; Martinez
Vernal Fred Lewis, deacon; Vallejo
Keith Crandall, deacon; Alameda
John Haugartner, priest; Berkeley
Richard David Reid, deacon; Berkeley
John Adams Soelberg, teacher; Berkeley
Laurence Ralph Hardisty, priest; Berkeley
Ray Roark, priest; Richmond
Wilson Gengler, priest; Richmond
Jack Dewsnup, priest; Richmond
John L. Waters Jr., deacon; Richmond

BIRTHS

To George Bain and Bernice Shelby Bain, a son; Dimond
To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gallagher, a son; Dimond
To Jackson Neeshaw and Vera Allen Neeshaw, a son; Kenneth Jackson; Dimond
To Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Carr, a daughter; Berkeley
To Mr. and Mrs. Seth Lloyd, a daughter, March 17; Berkeley

BAPTISMS

Patricia Mae Easton, Martinez
Eileen Keith, Martinez
Dora Fay Lewis, Vallejo
Colene Knight, Vallejo
Ramona Burke, Alameda
Eloise Jensen, Alameda
Joana Gardner, Berkeley
Carolyn Johnson, Berkeley
Don Russell, Dimond
Arthur Allen Herring, Dimond
Alice Lorraine Herring, Dimond
Richard Mowery, Dimond
David Nosay Phelps
Beverly Francis, Berkeley
Mary Golda Evans, Berkeley

CHILDREN BLESSED

Janice Ella May Kenyon, daughter of John Kenyon Jr. and Ella May Ince; Oakland
John Charles Seeley, son of Charles James and Marjory Hunter Seeley; Oakland
Marilyn Louise Pyne, daughter of Thomas and Violet Savage Pyne; Oakland
John Marriott Candland, son of Harold A. and Eva Marriott Candland; Oakland
Kay Evelyn Starley; Richmond
Lynda Rae Love; Richmond
Arthur Lincoln Hopkins; Richmond
Ronald Ralph Schell; Richmond
Patricia Janella Carr, daughter of Elmo and Ellen Carr; Berkeley

MARRIAGES

Lucy Johnson to Reese Thompson, in the Logan Temple; Oakland
Juanita Young to Lemuel A. Hedgpeth, on March 6, by Bishop Phelps; Dimond

DEATHS

Kathrine Rochelle Larsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jared Larsen; Oakland

ELMHURST

We are anticipating additional facilities to the ward chapel at an early date. Already the plans have been completed and are in the hands of the Stake Presidency and Presiding Bishopric for approval. A finance committee has been appointed with W. W. Coombs as chairman. It is hoped that actual construction will be under way within six weeks.

An interesting program was given in addition to the ward dance in March. The next dance will be April 9th.

Mrs. R. B. Paine has been visiting at the home of her son, Robert T. Paine.

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and Mrs. N. Wilhelmson of St. Charles, Idaho, are visitors at the home of Mrs. Claire Caldwell.

Mrs. Milton P. Ream has gone to New York City to visit relatives.

Mrs. Thomas Ballard, mother of Mrs. Nathan G. Tolman, who has been visiting here with her daughter, has returned to her home in Logan.

Guests at the W. C. Owens home were friends from Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bailey.

A lovely bridal shower was given the evening of March 26th at the home of Miss Dorothy Nethercott in honor of Miss Gladys Smithen, who will be married to Vao Cheney on April 24th. The ceremony will take place in the Elmhurst chapel at 8 o'clock p. m., and all are invited.

HIGH COUNCIL-MISSIONARY ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL

Alameda, D. F. Wright—Ira B. Call.
Berkeley, R. H. Fisher—Robert T. Payme.
Dimond, J. J. Kest—Elmo Carr.
Elmhurst, Claude Dewsnup — Heber Brown.
Hayward, Don J. Allphin—Glen Elliott.
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